**Constitution of National Statistical Commission**

†3267. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government propose to constitute National Statistics Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main purpose to constitute National Statistics Commission; and

(d) by when the said Commission would be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICSAND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The Government of India through a resolution dated 1 st June, 2005 has set up a National Statistical Commission.

(b) As per the said resolution the Commission will consist of a part-time Chairperson and four part-time Members apart from the Secretary, Planning Commission as an ex-officio Member and the Chief Statistician of India as ex-officio Secretary.

(c) The National Statistical Commission will, among others, serve as the nodal and empowered body for all core statistical activities of the country; identify the areas of core statistics which are of national importance; evolve national policies and priorities relating to the statistical system; evolve national strategies for the collection, tabulation and dissemination of core statistics apart from evolving standard statistical concepts, definitions, classifications and methodologies in different areas of statistics; exercise statistical coordination as well as statistical audit to ensure quality and integrity of statistical products.

(d) As mentioned in the reply to part (a) of the question, the Government Resolution to set up the Commission has already been issued and further processes have been initiated to make it-operational.

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